

# IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 3, 2011

Noon

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

## Minutes

**Attending:** Graham Whipple, Chair; Roxane Mitro, and Hereschell Mynarcik. Loretta Evans, Judy Mortimer, Dina Sallak, and Kim D. Smith; guests. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty; staff.

### **Call to Order at 12:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Mitro, seconded by Mynarcik, to approve the minutes of September 1, 2011 as presented. Motion passed.

**Introductions:** Visitors, all of which are potential commissioners, introduced themselves to commission members. Loretta Evans grew up in Provo, Utah, and has been exposed to history from her youth. She is a professional genealogist which goes hand-in-hand with historic preservation. Dina Sallak grew up just outside Buffalo. She is a former insurance broker and has been an attorney since 2008. Sallak said she came from an area where preservation of the past is a community value. Although appreciated by local residents in Idaho Falls, there is not always a connection between daily actions and the impact choices have on preservation within Idaho Falls. Judy Mortimer serves on the Idaho Heritage Trust. She has the opportunity to travel the state and see firsthand the result of historical sites assisted through grants monies. Her family instilled in her a love of history from the time she was a girl, and she hopes to facilitate the use of more grant applications in the Idaho Falls area. Kim Smith is a native of Idaho Falls and works for the Bank of Commerce. He believes his strength is in regulatory issues and public relations. Whipple said each member of the commission makes a significant contribution regardless of their profession and he knows each of them will augment the commission.

**Purpose of Historic Preservation Commission and Past Projects:** Magee presented the city ordinance which creates the commission. She said there is no formal design review or locally designated districts so the City of Idaho Falls ordinance is simple in nature. Attempts have been made in the past to move toward design guidelines but not as successfully as desired by some members of the commission. Members have spent most of their efforts in educating the public about historic resources and the value of preservation to the community. Mitro said they do some design review of downtown projects funded by Community Development Block grant funds. Magee said, as a Certified Local Government, the City receives grant monies in the amount of \$3,500 to \$6,000 annually, most of which is used for public education by the commission. This year some of the funding will go toward registration and travel to the annual National Trust Conference to be held in 2012 in Spokane, Washington.

Magee presented a listing of accomplishments by the commission. The list is an effort to remind all that strides have been made toward public awareness and fulfilling the purpose of the commission.

**Work Program for 2011-2012:** The main target of the work program for the year 2011-2012 is a reconnaissance survey of a portion of the mid-century homes in the community. Hopefully, it will accomplish two things: bring awareness to the community of the value of this style of architecture before it is lost and provide the groundwork for the annual tour.

There was discussion concerning a winter event such as bringing Douglas StanWeins, a high school teacher, from Boise, known for engaging his students in an understanding of and appreciation of historic preservation.

**Membership:** Moved by Mitro, seconded by Mynarcik to submit the names of all applicants to the Mayor and Council for approval. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary